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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): ANDO, et al.  
Serial No.: 10/020,116  
Filed: December 18, 2001  
For: METHOD OF ACCUMULATING APPLIANCE LOCATED  
STATES AND APPARATUS USING THE SAME  
Group: 2151  
Examiner: K. Dinh  
Conf. No.: 5809

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

December 18, 2006

Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application, applicants hereby respectfully petition for an extension of time to permit filing a response within the second month subsequent to expiration of the shortened statutory period set in the outstanding Office Action mailed July 17, 2006, it being noted that an Amendment was filed on November 17, 2006. A check in the amount of \$330.00 to cover the required fee for the requested extension of time is attached hereto.

It is respectfully requested that any shortage in the fee be charged to the account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Account No. 01-2135 (Case No. 500.40994X00).

Respectfully submitted,

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